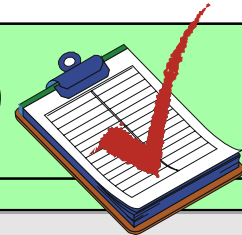


CHS CHECKUP



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NEWS BRIEFS

KCHIP WEB SITE

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program web site is continuing to improve its status as a truly useful tool for Kentucky residents.

The KCHIP site has recently been updated with the latest KCHIP information and additions to the site design that make it more user-friendly than ever.

You can view the new site at <http://chs.state.ky.us/kchip/>

It includes an application form in English and Spanish, a listing of benefits, the Clarion newsletter on outreach efforts as well as frequently asked questions about the health program for children.



**TIP OF
THE
WEEK**

Avoidance techniques for mosquitoes, chiggers and ticks include: Cover as much of your skin as possible with clothing, hats, socks, etc. Pay special attention to cuff areas at ankles, wrists, and neck. Avoid swamps (mosquitoes), dense woods, fields, and brush (ticks, chiggers). Examine exposed skin and scalp areas for clinging ticks after returning from hikes. Use insect repellent.

Inspector General Employee Conference Gets Good Response

The CHS Office of Inspector General held its Second Annual Conference on May 21, bringing in 255 employees from across the state.

The employees attended sessions on ethics, HIPAA, and appropriate use of the state's information technology. The featured speaker, Dr. James T. Reese, was well-received.

"We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from staff on the conference overall, and Dr. Reese's presentation in particular," said Inspector General Pamela Murphy.

The conference also featured a management-sponsored cook-out, that turned into a "cook-in" due to bad weather.



Nancy Wetherby, left, a nurse with the Division of Community Health Services, receives a service pin from Inspector General Pamela Murphy during her office's annual conference on May 21 in Frankfort.

First Stage Of Strategic Planning Complete

The CHS strategic planning Full and Core Planning Teams have completed the first stage of our strategic planning process.

The result—a draft plan containing all of the elements required by House Bill 502 of the 2000 General Assembly, and the Office of State Budget Director, including: Core Values, Vision, Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators.

This draft plan, as well as a statement of alignment that de-

scribes how our plan supports Gov. Patton's overall goal to "Set Kentucky on the path to achieving economic opportunity and a standard of living above the national average in 20 years," is under review by the CHS Office of General Counsel.

Once any legal recommendations are incorporated, the plan will be reviewed by Interim Secretary Marcia Morgan and then sent to the Office of State Budget Director by June 30.